

KENTUCKY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

November 14, 2006, Minutes

Berry Hill Mansion Music Room

700 Louisville Road

Frankfort, Kentucky

I. Call to Order

Mr. George Burkley, Chair, Kentucky Workforce Investment Board (KWIB), called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

A. New Member Swearing-in

Representative Ted Edmonds was sworn in by Franklin County Circuit Judge Sam McNamara.

B. Roll Call

The following members were present: Ms. Lisa Araya, Mr. George Burkley, Mr. Don Doty, Representative Ted Edmonds, Executive Director Andrew Fraenhoffer, Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Ms. Lora Hawkins as proxy for Representative Larry Clark, Ms. Kimberly Maffet, Senator Vernie McGaha, Mr. Bill Parson, (Retired) General James Shane, Ms. Nancy Spivey, and Ms. Sue Tamme.

The following members were absent: Mayor Jerry Abramson, Ms. Sharon Bird, Senator Charlie Borders, Ms. Dixie Hamblin, Judge/Executive Bill May, Dr. Michael McCall, and Mr. Michael Simpson,

C. Establishment of Quorum

Of 20 members, a quorum of 11 members was surpassed with 12 members plus one proxy present.

D. Comments

Mr. Burkley noted the following:

- Beth Smith, Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner, plans to regularly attend KWIB meetings and to engage with the board. She expects to attend the February 2007 meeting and will participate in a multi-agency panel discussion.
- The USDOL sponsored meeting he and Elizabeth Hack attended in late August provided information regarding anticipated changes to the design of the local workforce investment boards; that driving principles include regionalism, public-private partnerships, and talent development; the need to evolve better ways for the delivery of services; that career advancement accounts are still under consideration; and that WIA reauthorization is currently not moving forward.
- Jeff Mosley, from the Office for Legal Services, is working with him regarding the possibility of conference-call committee meetings. The current understanding is that they are allowed. If this proves to be correct, appropriate protocol will be developed and submitted to KWIB members.

- He (Mr. Burkley) is working with new members to identify their interests and assign them to the appropriate committees.
- He plans to have the committees receive detailed reports on various issues with summary reports being presented to the full KWIB by the committee chairs.

Elizabeth Hack presented the 2005 Annual Reports, proxy forms for 2007 KWIB meetings, and an updated member address list. She reported that Kentucky was not awarded a Sector Strategies grant because of a lack of adequate specificity in the Kentucky proposal although the Kentucky proposal was highly complemented.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 8, 2006, KWIB meeting were approved as presented. Motion by Senator McGaha; seconded by Secretary of State Trey Grayson. There was no opposition.

III. Committee Reports

A. Access Committee:

Access Committee Chair, Nancy Spivey, gave a report on their meeting held earlier that morning, summarizing reports regarding the following:

- Kentucky's E³ (education, employment, and economic development) initiatives include five focus group meetings and two usability groups that are providing opportunities for employer input into the system. Unfortunately, the E³ demonstration had to be postponed due to technical problems with the Berry Hill wiring.
- The WIA (Workforce Investment Act) Report – Reauthorization is currently stalled. A planned pre-conference with both houses on the faith based initiative and funding streams has not occurred. Appropriations for 2007 will be reduced because of losses from the previous year.
- The USDOL is focusing on the WIRED concept in the proposed changes to the state plan. They have implemented a Google-type search function on key words in the state plan as a means for evaluating plans.
- Wage information is to be USDOL directed rather than having NASWA responsible as it has been in the past.
- Rapid Response responsibilities will shift to the local areas. Training is being provided and local plans are being developed.
- Beginning in July 2007, K-Tap and TANF will no longer be coordinated by OET.
- James Inman is now the Division Director for Unemployment Insurance, leaving a vacancy in the Division for Workforce and Employment Services.
- New legislation regarding Perkins calls for a new state plan by July 2007. A state leadership team and a steering committee have been formed. The state may either develop a transition plan or a six year plan. At this time the transition plan is preferred because of an initial April 2007 deadline. Tech Prep, which has multiple performance measures, may be moved into Perkins. This could lead to changes in the funding percentage breakdown while providing greater flexibility.

Change in the percentage of funding for secondary training versus post-secondary training could also result.

- KWIB members were encouraged to visit local one stops by the Access Committee and KWIB Chair, Mr. Burkley. KWIB member Secretary of State Trey Grayson reported that his visit to a local one stop had been very informative and helpful in broadening his understanding of their activities and programs.
- BRAC sub-committees have been formed, one of which is Workforce, which will be chaired by Commissioner Beth Smith. At the sub-committee's first meeting, a mission statement was developed. The committee will focus on two skill sets, construction and IT, and will participate in developing the E³ system to identify individuals who have credentials to meet specific needs. It was also noted that illegal immigrants are applying for work at Fort Knox, raising the need for ways to deal with this issue as well as for providing information about how to obtain valid credentials.

B. Accountability Committee:

George Burkley chaired the recent Accountability Committee meeting in the unexpected absence of the Chair, Kimberly Maffet. In his report he noted the following:

- WIA federal standards updates have been received. Kentucky reached most, if not all, of its standards in the most recent quarter and exceeded all WIA performance measures for Program Year 2005.
- National standards for Perkins programs are anticipated.
- A display of key measures had been requested from OET's Research and Statistics Branch to portray state progress. In addition to the information in the agenda packet (page 25 and following), graphics will be developed to more readily display progress. This project is in its early stages; continued development is planned.

C. Alignment Committee: A report was not given.

D. Awareness Committee: A report was not given.

IV. Other Business

A. BRAC

General James Shane (Retired) presented information about the BRAC initiative (handouts attached), noting the following:

- appreciation to the KWIB for its interest in BRAC,
- the anticipated 2011 completion date,
- appreciation for Sherry Johnson's role at the local level,
- that the BRAC Commission will continue to monitor BRAC-related funding to ensure that Kentucky's interests are attended to,
- additional surveys will be taken regarding the number of civilian and military personnel who anticipate moving to Kentucky as a result of the BRAC initiatives,
- that BRAC is truly good news for Kentucky,
- the excellent community and political non-partisan participation,
- an anticipated \$20-25 million increase in Kentucky's tax revenue base,

- the Education Cabinet is working to ensure that the initial impression of Kentucky's schools is positive, and
- that local contractors are primarily being used.

Sherry Johnson provided an additional handout (attached), noting that multiple communities will be impacted by BRAC-related changes and development. Andrew Fraenhoffer reported that dialogue has been underway since July 2006 with UPS as well as with BRAC regarding employment opportunities anticipated as a result of the planned UPS expansion.

B. Labor Market Information (LMI)

Carlos Cracraft called attention of the KWIB members to a report of the previous year's accomplishments by the Research and Statistics Branch (agenda book pages 11-16) and to its July 2006-June 2007 year plan (agenda book pages 17-24). He noted the importance of getting information about growth industries into the hands of high school students and counselors, pointing out that the ten-year projections are updated every two years at the statewide level. He spoke regarding various segments of the plan and the reports that his Branch had compiled for the Accountability Committee. In addition, he referenced maps distributed to KWIB members (not in the agenda packet), indicating that these are initial endeavors that will continue to be fine tuned to provide more readily understood data. Several members expressed interest in the data presentations and the implications. It was noted that there appears to be a disconnect between data analysis and various industry sectors.

V. 2007 Meetings

The following dates were set for the 2007 KWIB meetings: February 13, May 8, August 14, and November 13. The KWIB meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon on those dates.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. by the Chair's proclamation.